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WASHINGTON TOPICS.

News Notes and Gossip From the National Capital.

Amusing Scenes at a Dinner Given by the Chinese Minister.

The dinner given by the Chinese minister was in the nature of a compliment to the new Administration. The Chinese Minister gave his arm to Secretary Blaine, and escorted him to his seat at the table, which was directly opposite that of the Minister, each sitting at the center of one of the long sides of the table. The Chinese Minister sat between Justices Miller and Blatchford, and Secretary Blaine sat between Justices Bradley and Harlan. The dinner was thoroughly Oriental, so much so that the two Mohammedans present, representing Turkey and Persia, did full justice to the wine course, and the Turkish Minister departed so widely from his national usage as to appear without his fez.

The Persian Minister enjoyed himself immensely, and afforded much entertainment to the rest of the company. Most of the scintillations of the evening came from him. Observing that two guests neglected their snipe in order to carry on their conversation, and that a servant was waiting to take the plates away, he said facetiously: "You not eat the bird, the bird fly away."

He insisted on talking English, although he knows French perfectly, and his neighbors understood French. He said in explaining his preference:

"I am American. I have beautiful girl, very beautiful girl; she teach me English long time. I speak English very good."

In addition to this he explained that he understood English because he had been in England. He was asked how long he was there, and said eight hours. "Plenty, too much," he added.

At the close of the dinner he said to an American guest, who had been laughing and talking all the way through the dinner: "You not American. American have long face, sit up straight, say nothing like them," pointing to a group of Senators and Cabinet officers, who had eaten their way steadily through their menu without looking to the right or to the left or exchanging a word with anybody, in some cases because their neighbors spoke no English.

After dinner in the smoking room the Ministers from China, Japan and Korea, who cannot understand each other's spoken language, carried on a three-cornered conversation with pens and paper, for their written language is identical.

Presidential Postmasters.

The President late in the afternoon appointed thirty-six Presidential postmasters. Thirty were to fill vacancies caused by deaths, resignations or terms expiring, and six were to fill vacancies caused by removals. Among the appointees are the following: In Illinois—Chicago, James A. Sexton; Mantion, Thomas A. Weaver; Peoria, Alexander Stone; Danville, W. A. R. Jewell. Missouri—Clinton, J. P. Schner. Kansas—Marion, Fred Lewis; Baxter Springs, William March; Argentine, D. G. Bliss; Lawrence, E. F. Goodrick. Iowa—West Liberty, Jonathan Maxon; Shenandoah, T. N. Pace. Pennsylvania—Pottsville, William C. Torrence; Orefield, David Hamilton; Dunmore, Miss Bridget Mooney.

Banks' Reserve Agents.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved the selection of the United States National Bank of New York as reserve agent for the Third National of Syracuse; also the selection of the Third National of New York for the First National of South Amboy, N. J., and for the First National of Harrisburg, Ill.; the Ninth National of New York for the First National of Canton, Penn.; the Hanover of New York for the Central National of Philadelphia; the National Bank of New York for the First National of Sheffield, Ala.; the First National of Fargo, Dakota, and the First National of Lampasas, Texas, also the Chase National Bank as reserve agent for the Third National of Detroit and the First National of Minot, Dakota; the Hanover National of Moscow, Idaho, and the National Bank of the Republic for the People's National of Paola, Kansas.

A Decision by Windom.

In response to a letter received from J. O. Hagne, New York, Secretary Windom has decided that machinery belonging to foreign manufacturers, who desired to transport their entire plant to the United States, could not be allowed to enter free of duty, and that the transportation of such plants come over with the plant would be a violation of the Contract Labor law.

Emancipation Day.

The colored people celebrated their emancipation in Washington with a military and patriotic display. The President, Secretaries Windom, Noble, Proctor and Rusk, Postmaster-General Wanamaker and Attorney-General Miller reviewed the parade from the portico of the White House. Public meetings were held and addressed by Rev. W. D. Derriek, of New York, and Hon. Frederick Douglass.

APRIL CROPS REPORTS.

The Condition of Winter Grain and Farm Animals.

The crop report of the Department of Agriculture for April relates to the condition of winter grain and of farm animals as they go out of winter quarters. There was little winter protection, except for a short time in mid-winter, in the latitude of heavy winter snows; consequently the more northern breadths are somewhat brown in color, and patches in wet soils are winter killed. Yet the temperature has been so mild, with so few sudden extremes, that the present condition is very good. The plants are generally well rooted, and have been growing over a large part of the area, through the winter. The general average condition is 94, nearly the same as the April condition of the crop of 1886, which fell at harvest to 87.8; that of 1888, 82, and that of the previous year, 88.1. The April condition of the large crop of 1884 was 95.4, going up to 98 at harvest.

The rye crop is also in good condition. The general average is 93.9. The mild winter has been favorable to farm animals, which are generally in high condition.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

The by-elections in Rhode Island resulted in favor of the Republicans. They will have a majority of eleven on joint ballot in the Legislature.

CHARLES HOPKINS, sixty years of age, of Philadelphia, was instantly killed, and John Coogan fatally injured by falling from the fourth story of a new building in Atlantic City, N. J.

GENERAL FRANCIS FREDERICK MILLEN, Irish patriot, soldier and journalist, died at his late residence in New York city at the age of fifty-three years.

PAULINE ZANCHISKA, an insane Polish girl, threw herself in front of an approaching train near Scranton, Penn., and was crushed to death. She did it in order to escape capture by asylum authorities.

THORWALD EGIDIUS, the son of the Norwegian Consul at Amsterdam, committed suicide in his elegant apartments at New York city. Egidius was a tall, athletic man, about twenty-eight years old. He was well educated and was of a cheerful disposition.

WHEN Charles W. Knodel, of Black Rock, N. Y., was awakened by his mother to go to work he put a pistol to his head and shot himself to death.

WILLIAM J. IRVING, JR., local manager of the Hammond Dressed Beef Company, at Hartford, Conn., is charged with embezzling \$10,000.

EDGAR SWAN, the defaulting teller of the City National Bank of Lynn, Mass., has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

The New York Yacht Club has accepted Lord Dunraven's challenge to sail for the America's Cup.

BILLINGS & EATON, wholesale hide and leather dealers of Boston, Mass., have failed for \$700,000.

The Planet Jute Mills, Brooklyn, N. Y., were destroyed by fire. Loss over \$400,000.

The men appointed to make a complete appraisal of the personal effects of the late philanthropist Isaiah W. Williamson place the aggregate value of the effects at \$9,510,639.75.

RUSSELL B. HARRISON, son of the President, was arrested in New York city at the instance of ex-Governor Crosby, of Montana, who asks \$100,000 damages for an alleged libel which appeared in the *Live Stock Journal*, of which Mr. Harrison is part owner. The prisoner was immediately released on \$5000 bail.

GEORGE CALDER, proprietor of the Fulton Cotton Mill at Lancaster, Penn., has made an assignment. Liabilities \$150,000.

The thirty wood acid manufacturers of the United States met in Binghamton, N. Y., and an association in the nature of a trust was formed.

INTENSE excitement was created in shipping circles at New York on Saturday by the receipt of a dispatch announcing that the Danish steamer *Danmark*, of the Thingvalla line, had been passed in mid-ocean in a wrecked condition, with no one on board. The *Danmark* had sailed from Denmark with 732 souls—of whom 650 were passengers—on board. The agents of the line at New York believed that the people on board had all been picked up by a passing vessel.

AN explosion of gas occurred in the Grant Tunnel mine at Nanticoke, Penn., causing the instant death of Charles Hogas, a fire boss, and Evan Modie, pumpman.

THE Commodore Bateman, a pilot boat, was cut in twain off the Georgia Banks, Nantucket, R. I., by the steamer *Sueva*, and Pilot John Handran, of Brooklyn, and a colored cook named Harry Halford were drowned.

A CYCLONE struck the mining town of Beidler, Penn., and demolished six dwellings.

EX-CONGRESSMAN S. B. CHITTENDEN died at his home in Brooklyn. He was sixty-eight years old and was worth \$5,000,000.

South and West.

MOUNTAIN fires were raging on the South Mountain near Edgemont, Md. A vast lot of timber was destroyed.

THE United States man-of-war *Pensacola*, which sunk during the recent hurricane at Norfolk (Va.) Navy Yard, has been floated, and is found not to be strained.

MRS. GEORGE SHECKLES, while trying to extinguish the burning dress of her infant daughter, was burned to death at Shelbyville, Ind. The child also lost its life.

The village of Cannonsburg, Mich., has been wiped out by fire.

THE family of William Woods, near Clayton, Ga., were all burned to death in their own house. The building took fire near the only door, and on awaking they found themselves cut off. The family was composed of the wife and five children.

MRS. ANDREW BUBERO, a Finnish woman, living at New York Mills, Minn., recently gave birth to six children at one birth; three were born dead, the others are still living.

ALL the street-cars in Minneapolis, Minn., were stopped by a strike of the drivers and conductors for higher wages.

MAJOR-GENERAL EDWARD HATCH, of the United States Army, died at Fort Robinson, Neb., as the result of injuries received about a month ago by being thrown from a carriage.

FOUR children of Joseph Mirdam, a German farmer of St. Joseph, Minn., found some wild parsnips, and all ate of them. Three of the children, a boy six years old and two girls, four and two years old, died in terrible agony.

ABEL LODGE, of New Lisbon, Ohio, the village Treasurer, is a defaulter to the extent of \$9000.

LUMBERTON, Ala., fifty-five miles north of Mobile, has been totally destroyed by fire.

AN extremely malignant and mysterious disease resembling in some respects scarlet fever has broken out in Illinois. A dozen cases have proved fatal. The disease usually runs its course within thirty-six hours.

MEREDITH STANLEY jumped from the Cincinnati Southern Railroad bridge over the Kentucky River. The height of the bridge is 285 feet. He jumped into twelve feet of water and was uninjured.

THE "Orange Belt" Railroad, from St. Petersburg, on Tampa Bay (154 miles) to Sanford, Fla., has been formally opened.

THE world's conference of the Latter Day Saints or Mormons at St. Joseph, Mo., has adjourned. The next conference will be held April 6, 1890, at Lamar, Iowa.

LAW PRINCE, colored, of Savannah, Ga., in a fit of religious frenzy, killed his five-year-old child.

THE United States Grand Jury at Port Townsend, Washington Territory, have found twenty-five indictments against William Harned, ex-Special Deputy Collector; eleven against Herbert F. Beecher, ex-Treasurer; and twelve against Quincy A. Brooks for stealing from the Government.

JOHN P. USHER, of Kansas, Secretary of the Interior under President Lincoln, died at the University Hospital, in Philadelphia, while undergoing a surgical operation.

The subscription for the Georgia Confederate Home, started at Atlanta, reached \$35,000 in a week's time.

JOHN JACKSON, President and proprietor of the St. Louis Grain Elevator Company, and a prominent and wealthy citizen, committed

suicide by hanging in the office of the elevator.

EDDIE GALLERY, eleven years old, of Chicago, was accidentally shot and killed by his mother.

Washington.

THE President has abandoned his proposed cruise in Chesapeake Bay for the present, as Mrs. Harrison's health is not good.

REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS H. PATTERSON, U. S. N., retired, died a few days ago at Washington, aged sixty-nine years. He was born in New Orleans, and entered the navy as midshipman in 1836.

It was positively announced that the President and Mrs. Harrison were to be the guests of Vice-President and Mrs. Morton during their visit to New York at the centennial celebration, and after that would go to Rhinebeck, Mr. Morton's country seat, on the Hudson, for a longer stay of rest and recreation.

THE United States Consul General at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, has reported to the Secretary of the State that yellow fever is prevalent there to an alarming extent.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS TANNER issued an order holding that "Whenever a pensioner is disabled in a hand or foot in a degree entitling him to \$24 per month such pensioner shall by reason of that fact be entitled to the rate of \$30 per month." This order will favorably affect the pensions of 600 to 800 disabled veterans of the late war.

THE President made the following appointments: Henry S. White, of West Virginia, to be Marshal of that State; Lyman E. Knapp, of Middlebury, Vt., to be Governor of Alaska; James P. Luce, of Dakota, to be Register of the land office at Rapid City, Dakota; Thomas W. Reed, Jr., of Washington Territory, to be Register of the land office at Seattle, Washington.

THE Secretary of State has been informed that the Government of the Argentine Republic will send delegates to the conference of American States to be held in Washington on the 4th of October next.

W. H. H. SMITH has been appointed Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, Navy Department.

HON. ALLEN G. THURMAN, of Ohio, had a social conference with President Harrison at the White House.

E. G. RATHBONE, of Cincinnati, has been appointed Chief of Postoffice Inspection.

THE total amount of bonds purchased to date under the circular of April 17, is \$135,786,500, of which \$55,993,550 were four per cents and \$79,792,500 were 4½ per cents. The total cost of these bonds was \$158,332,441, of which amount \$71,932,264 was paid for the four per cents and \$86,400,177 was paid for the 4½ per cents.

MRS. J. C. FEEBER, wife of Admiral Feeber, of the United States Navy, was thrown from her carriage in Washington and killed.

THE Samoan Commissioners started for Berlin. Secretary Blaine's instructions insist on the maintenance of Samoan independence. The United States will pay no indemnity.

Foreign.

A TERRIBLE explosion has occurred in a colliery at Castrup, Westphalia, Germany. The men were at work in the pit at the time, and twenty were killed.

THE American schooner *Carrie A. Buchman* was chased by a Dominican gunboat and fired upon off the coast of St. Domingo, West Indies.

ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH TELESFORUS PAUL, of Bogota, United States of Colombia, is dead.

FRANCE and China have agreed to connect the China and Tonquin telegraph lines.

ANOTHER attempt on the life of the Czar is reported.

GENERAL BOULANGER is in London and is being feted like an exiled Prince.

GABRIEL DUMONT, Lieutenant of Louis Riel in the Northwest rebellion, has been pardoned by the Canadian Government.

MR. BALFOUR will succeed Mr. W. H. Smith as First Lord of the British Treasury and leader of the House of Commons. Mr. Ritchie, President of the Local Government Board, taking Mr. Balfour's place as Irish Secretary.

THE Duke of Nassau took the oath of office as Regent of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

THE French Senate, in full regalia, sitting at Luxembourg, began the trial of General Boulanger for sedition.

VIOLENT earthquakes were reported in Epirus, Greece.

THE American bark C. D. Bryant was seized by the Hawaiian Government at Honolulu for smuggling opium.

FOUR of the men arrested on the charge of being implicated in the derailment of President Diaz's train a few weeks ago, near Monterey, Mexico, have been shot. The execution was carried out very quietly.

SIR CHARLES RUSSELL finished his speech in behalf of the Parnellites before the Parnell Commission.

A CONFLICT of a serious character has broken out at Demerara, South America, between the blacks and the Portuguese. The shops of the Portuguese, who are the principal tradesmen, have been sacked. The estimated loss is more than \$100,000.

GREAT distress is prevailing on the Isthmus of Panama.

EDITOR WILLIAM O'BRIEN has entered a libel action against Lord Salisbury, the British Premier, for certain remarks made by the latter in a recent speech at Watford.

THE Empress of Austria is insane. She suffers from long spells of melancholia and entertains delusions, accusing herself of the death of Crown Prince Rudolph. She is possessed with ideas of suicide, thinking to leave the Emperor free to remarry.

BOUND FOR OKLAHOMA.

Huge Trains, With Goods, Houses in Sections, on the Way.

In the region about Kansas City, Mo., nothing is heard of but Oklahoma. In the Kansas City freight yards, crowded on the track, and under moving orders are about thirty huge trains freighted with the anticipated necessities of the coming community.

There are houses in sections, ready to be bolted together and entered for habitation within sixty minutes after their delivery. There are completed stocks of every conceivable sort of merchandise, and with each carload of stock is packed away the building required to hold it. In this manner drug stores, drygoods stores, boot and shoe stores, saloons and groceries are in readiness to begin business on arrival.

It is said in the railway offices at Kansas City that 1000 carloads of supplies for Oklahoma have already been sent forward. The poor squatters with their slow teams, who months and years ago, marked out their homes in the promised land, declare they will fight for them. Meanwhile troops are being quietly told off to do police duty in conjunction with the United States Marshal at the points of crowded settlement and registration.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

ITALY has seventy-one vessels.

MISSISSIPPI has 310,339 horses.

THE British navy has 327 vessels.

A SILK syndicate has been formed.

THE Mexican Congress has opened.

LONDON has upward of 14,000 policemen.

WE have a standing army of 25,000 men.

THE Treasury of Quebec, Canada, is empty.

DICKINSON COUNTY, Kan., has a cat ranch.

THE stock of petroleum is 17,000,000 barrels.

ENGLAND'S flour trust has fallen through.

NATURAL GAS is being found in Arkansas.

THE total Mormon population of Utah is 153,911.

ITALY has opened its universities to women.

AN immense pine-straw trust has been organized.

LEBBY PRISON will soon be removed to Chicago.

FINEAPPLE culture in Florida yields \$400 per acre.

THE cotton crop of 1888 was the largest ever made.

CHINA has only 193 inhabitants to the square mile.

THE farms of Ohio are mortgaged for \$375,000,000.

THE Russians are building grain elevators on the Black Sea.

A CHINAMAN has been lecturing in favor of prohibition in Minnesota.

SOUTHERN lumber manufacturers have organized and put up prices.

THERE was never a season more favorable for the flow of maple sap.

SIX juvenile heirs and heiresses have been abducted within five months.

THE output of lumber this year will be twenty per cent. less than last.

THE range of observation from the top of the Eiffel Tower is forty miles.

THERE are 1365 foreign offices at the disposal of the State Department.

RAILROAD companies' statistics show that a very large business is being done.

THE revolt against the Germans in East Africa is spreading among the natives.

THE premium on gold in the Argentine Republic has reached sixty-four per cent.

THE logging season in the New England forests has been an unusually short one.

WILLIAM GLASS, of Verdale, Minn., recently ate five dozen eggs in thirty minutes.

MEXICO'S exhibit in the Paris Exposition will include 12,000 specimens of minerals of various kinds.

GENERAL BOULANGER has made application to the Swiss Government for permission to reside in Geneva.

SEVERAL people have gone insane at Victoria, British Columbia, victims of the Salvation army excitement.

THE tobacco crop of Kentucky, which is now being put on the market, amounts to nearly 300,000,000 pounds.

SEVERAL young clergymen have been caught stealing Dr. Talmage's sermons, and new cases are reported almost daily.

TWO Vermont hunters trapped last winter, near Bradford, over 100 foxes, on which they received a State bounty of fifty cents on a fox.

THE debt of North Carolina has been reduced from \$18,277,000 to \$1,130,000, and the latter amount is now being refunded in new 4 per cents.

SIXTEEN THOUSAND acres of Government homesteads and pre-emptions have been taken by eager settlers at Great Falls, Montana, since January 1st.

THE United States Government, as a reward for his faithful services, has enrolled Washakie, the head chief of the Shoshone Indians in Wyoming, as a Government scout, with the pay of a regular soldier.

By an almost unanimous and a very enthusiastic vote the Farmers' Alliance of Georgia, representing 80,000 farmers, resolved that they would use cotton bagging for the baling of their cotton—and would not use jute under any circumstances.

HAVING taught himself Latin and written a creditable translation of the first six books of Virgil's "Æneid," Erasmus Richardson, a Pawtucket (R. I.) bookkeeper, has now carried out a similar method of training in music, by learning the use of a violin and then making an instrument on which to play.

THE LABOR WORLD.

THE iron trade is very inactive.

A SILK mill is to be erected at Lynchburg, Va.

A SHOE factory is to be built at Raleigh, N. C.

SEVERAL silk mills are to be built in Pennsylvania.

THE three labor strikes in Buffalo, N. Y., are still on.

THE hosiery manufacturers are crowded with work.

HUNGARY, in fear of a labor shortage, has forbidden emigration.

In Spartansburg County, S. C., there are eight cotton mills in operation.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., expects soon to have a \$100,000 boot and shoe factory.

In Great Britain there are 203 tin-plate mills, employing 100,000 hands.

A GENERAL strike of the street-railway employees in Minneapolis is threatened.

KRUPP, of Germany, is putting up a big mill to turn out more war material.

THE carmen of Vienna are organizing with a view to striking for higher wages.

ORGANIZED labor is making preparation for the eighth hour strike next year.

THE Welsh tin plate makers have abandoned their attempt to form a trust.

NEW ENGLAND shoemakers continue to leave large cities for country places.

KNOXVILLE and Nashville, Tenn., are looming up as great manufacturing centers.

THE paper-making industry throughout the United States is profitable. There are 1100 mills.

THE biggest printing plant in the world is that presided over by the United States Public Printer.

NEW YORK State is maintaining 3000 idle convicts, many of whom are upon the verge of insanity from lack of work.

WORK has been resumed in sixteen collieries at Wilkesbarre that had been idle for some time, setting to work 6000 people.

No Massachusetts railroad will hire a man unless he signs a contract not to begin suit for damages in case he is injured.

THE strike of the female feather-workers of New York city failed only after a struggle almost without parallel in the history of strikes.

THERE is said to be one woman in the finishing department of the watch factory at Waltham, Mass., able to do men's work for men's pay.

PITTSBURGH'S glass workers are all opposed to prohibition, as the bottle trade is one of the biggest and most lucrative branches of their industry.

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